items of work which they fail to execute before the expiry of the year; and if not, why not?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Rs. 1,331 (including Rs. 131 for establishment charges, office expenses and maintenance of water pandals).

Rs. 1,641 (including Rs. 641 for establishment charges, office expenses, cleaning, rent and sanitation).

Rs. 346 (including Rs. 96 for establishment charges, office expenses, cleaning and water pandals).

Rs. 1,264 (including Rs. 69 for establishment, office expenses and water pandals).

(b) Arthatt .... Nil
Kattakampal .... Nil
Porkkulam .. Nil
Kadangode .... Rs. 280 (for 2 wells)

(c) No definite information can be furnished on this point now. Some of the works are in progress and in the case of others such as road work proposals are being received.

(d) The information can be supplied only after the year is out.

(e) Yes, if necessary.

Pazhanji Registry Office.

136. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the name of the village in which Pazhanji Registry Office is situated ;

(b) if the above Registry Office is not situated in Pazhanji Village, what are the reasons for locating it in another village and designating it Pazhanji Registry Office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Akathiyur village

(b) The reason for the location of the office on its present site is that the place is central and beneficial to all the villagers alike. No special reason except that Pazhanji is one of the most important villages within the jurisdiction of this office.

Grant-in-aid Dispensary at Elanad, &c.

137. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they have noticed the fact that the people of Elanad and neighbouring places, being malarial tracts, feel very keenly the necessity of a Grant-in-aid Dispensary there ;

(2) whether they propose to start one in the near future?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is no necessity to start a Grant-in-aid Dispensary in Elanad as arrangements have already been made for the free distribution of quinine in this as well as other malarial tracts.

(2) Not likely.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know who distributes this quinine in the Elanad village ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The distribution is made by the school masters and the local Panchayat members including the President.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know how many schools there are in the Elanad Village ? I think the Director would be able to give me the answer.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—None, Sir.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is a forest region.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—There are forests everywhere.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is more or less a forest.

President.—I think Elanad and Paruthipara are forest tracts and there are not very many people there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—There are very many people there.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There are people, but it is a malarial district.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I think that there are a large number of distributors of quinine in all malarial tracts. I suppose about 50 or 60 school masters and Panchayat Presidents. I do not exactly remember who is the person in Elanad. I shall get the information in no time.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it that the school masters and the Panchayat Presidents distribute it to the people, i. e., they themselves go to the locality and give it to the needy persons or that the villagers should go to the President of the Panchayat and get the medicine from him ? If it is the latter way, how can the people know whom they are to approach ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is no such distribution. People will have to go to these people and ask for it. They never go round and give the medicines. I have notified the names of persons to whom these medicines are given for distribution. They go to them and get the medicines.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it the policy of the Government in future not to open dispensaries in malarial tracts and is it the policy also that the distribution of quinine is to be done by Panchayat agencies only ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—As regards the opening of dispensaries, the principle is that there must be a private practitioner who should come forward and is willing to sett.e himself in a particular place. We must get medical men who would settle down in those villages and apply for Government aid, and what Government propose to do is to give him a subsidy of Rs. 10 a month and 240 rupees worth of medicines a year. If a medical practitioner comes and settles down in Ela-

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nad village, and if such fact comes to the knowledge of the Government, then this subsidy will be given to him.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—After receiving this question, did the Government ascertain whether any private practitioner would be willing to go and settle down at Elanad?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Patticad is a malarial tract. There was already one private practitioner, and when the Government came to know of it, they opened an aided dispensary there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Patticad is far far away from Elanad.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I make a reference to Patticad simply as an illustration. There was one private practitioner there, and when the Government came to know of it, they opened an aided dispensary there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Supposing any private practitioner is coming forward and informs the Government that he would settle down at Elanad, would the Government give him this subsidy?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There should be in the first instance a private practitioner settled there.

President.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Therefore, we are not to expect anything in the near future.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given there. 'Not likely'.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Yes, the answer is 'not likely'.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, no. Unless a medical man comes forward with the request for the subsidy, we may not open any private dispensary there.

Issue of reminders to Heads of Departments.

138. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the Department to which the largest number of reminders were sent by Government in 1103 and the Department which comes next; the Department to which the least number of reminders were sent and the number of reminders sent to each of the above three in 1103?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The collection of the information required would involve considerable time and labour and the Government consider that no useful purpose will be served thereby.

Delay in Disposals.

139. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the time usually allowed to Heads of Departments for replying to communications sent by the Huzur before sending reminders;

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